

26 March 1976

The Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committees
NED/MCC
UFMCC

Attached is the application for licensure in UFMCC submitted by DOLORES E JACKSON, duly endorsed by the Church Clerk and by me. At the meeting when action was taken, of nine members of the Board of Directors, seven were present, one was on leave-of-absence granted by the Board, and one was absent.

Dee is an enormously able and highly motivated woman. Six of the seven present voted to support licensure for work with the UFMCC prison ministries program.

The only reserve expressed, and in which I concur, has to do with her apparent role in several occasions of bad tension between me and the ministerial staff and the Board and staff. I have said to her that I am not able to be entirely sure whether she is devoted to the ministry of MCC or to the ministry of Dee Jackson. She is entitled to think -- as I believe she does think -- that is unfair and irrelevant on my part. The fact is that I do not enjoy her trust, and am not likely to. The vastly more important fact, however, seems to me to be the vital importance of her ability (and any minister's ability) to work cooperatively, with good will, and occasionally even in a subordinate way with persons who hold other, wider responsibilities.

Her work has been of high quality, especially her work with women imprisoned or lately released, and in the conduct of Black Liturgies. She does well in individual counselling as far as I can determine. She affirms that she does not want a full range of pastoral responsibilities, but the narrower one of prison ministries. In that work, in my own judgment, she is needed and is good. Beyond that, I know she will grow in depth and richness of value to the Church; and I should only want to know that as she does so she will have close attention, real guidance-support-supervision as a licensed minister not working in a parochial context.

Gilbert H. Lincoln



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Los Angeles

Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

BOARD OF INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRY

TO: UFMCC Ministerial Credentials Committee

1. At the request of Rev. Joseph Gilbert, a member of this Board, we are attaching a letter to Dee Jackson's application for licensing.
2. Rev. Gilbert, also a member of the District Review Committee, and who is familiar with "us and her work, says, "She is doing excellent work atikers Island." He continues, "I felt the Board of Institutional Ministry should pass on whether we are willing to use her or not. She does have my vote. I would ask that a letter of endorsement, if the other Board members agree, might go with her application.
3. Rev. Bunce and Rev. Nickley discussed the matter. We concur with Rev. Gilbert that we welcome Dee Jackson to work under the Jurisdiction of the Board of Institutional Ministry.
4. At the same time, we feel morally obligated to point out the following:
 - a. Dee has been working in institutions which are not under the jurisdiction of this Board. She has been working in city and county institutions which are under full jurisdiction of the local pastor.
 - b. This Board has full jurisdiction over MCC ministry to state and federal institutions.
 - c. We do not have a ministry to any state or federal institution in the New York area, nor any names, or requests, or leads.
 - d. Such a ministry could be developed, under the guidance of the Board of Institutional Ministry, following the procedures we have developed, through the initiative of Dee (a person on the scene).
 - e. This Board appoints chaplains to specific institutions. They are assigned to develop a full pastoral ministry to prisoners in that institution, under the guidance of the National Chief of Chaplains.
 - f. This Board would welcome Dee Jackson as a professional minister to serve as chaplain of a state or federal institution. Only professional ministers are appointed chaplains. (Deacons or Dehorters may serve as Acting Chaplains.)

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard R. Nickley
Rev. Richard R. Nickley
National Administrator

Rev. Bud Bunce
Rev. Bud Bunce
National Chief of Chaplains

CC Joseph Gilbert
Gilbert Lincoln
Dee Jackson

Reverend Troy D. Perry, Founder



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November 1, 1975

Reverend Gil Lincoln
Members of the Board of Directors:

Enclosed is my application for license as a minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

It is my desire that this application be approved for licensing by you and that it be presented to the Board of Home Missions when they meet in May, 1975.

Yours in Christ,

Dolores E. Jackson
Dolores E. Jackson
Exhorter



Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AS A MINISTER

DATE: November 1, 1975NAME: Dolores E. Jackson TELEPHONE: 546-5076ADDRESS: 12-50 35th AvenueAstoria, New York ZIP: 11106

1. Indicate the local MCC congregation (Chartered Church) in which you hold official membership:

MCC- New York For how long? 1 year

2. Indicate the positions or offices held and committees or activities in which you have participated in MCC:

Exhorter Dates: 5/28/75 to presentCoordinator for Black Liturgies Dates: 4/28/75 to presentFaith, Fellowship and OrderChairperson for Racism committee 2/75 to presentRepresentative for Prison Ministry for Women Dates: 11/75 to presentRepresentative for UFMCC to NCC for Women in Ministry-10/75 to present

3. List below all schools attended, beginning with high school:

EDUCATION	Name and Location of School	No. of Years Attended	General	Course of Study	Special	Did you Graduate?	Date of Leaving
	<u>P.S. 113</u>	<u>6</u>					<u>Mo. Yr.</u>
<u>Grammar School</u>	<u>P.S. 81 JHS</u>	<u>2</u>				<u>yes</u>	<u>6/52</u>
<u>High School</u>	<u>Commerce</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>cooperative course</u>	<u>yes</u>		<u>6/56</u>
<u>Night School</u>	<u>Seminary- Salvation Army Training College (attached)</u>				<u>yes</u>		<u>1959</u>
<u>Correspondence Sch.</u>							
<u>College or University</u>	<u>Brooklyn College</u>	<u>*nights</u>		<u>Sociology</u>		<u>No</u>	<u>1957</u>
	<u>Westchester CC</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>Police Science</u>		<u>No</u>	<u>1970</u>

4. Provide below your Employment Record for the past 5 years (List last employer first)

Employers Name and Address	Kind of Work	Weekly Wage	Started	Left	Reason
<u>Spence Chapin Services to families and children</u>	<u>Adm. Secretary</u>	<u>195.00</u>	<u>6/73</u>	<u>4/75</u>	<u>More time for ministry</u>
<u>Pleasantville Cottage Sch.</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>11/70</u>	<u>11/73</u>	<u>move to New York City</u>

5. What was your religious or church affiliation prior to your membership in MCC? Salvation Army
For how long? 3 years When did you discontinue that association? 1961
Why? marriage
6. In your previous church relationship, were you engaged in any type of ministry, Christian service or activity? yes If so, what? licensed and ordained minister.
7. How would you define the professional Christian Ministry? a complete committment to the ministry of the gospel. Being true to the calling of Jesus Christ and the furtherance of His kingdom.
8. What do you believe constitutes a call to the professional Christian ministry in UFMCC? To be willing to devote time and effort for the salvation and sanctification of gay as well as straight people.
9. Cite the circumstances or situations confirming and supporting your decision to dedicate your life to the professional Christian ministry in UFMCC. I always felt that God wanted me to perform as a minister but I was unable to do so as a gay man. At MCC I have been able to function both as a minister and as a gay man.
10. Do you believe your commitment to include a full-time ministry? yes
If not, then to what extent? _____
11. What do you understand to be the intent, purpose and ministry of UFMCC?
To reconcile men and women to God, rather they are straight or gay.
12. What ~~contributions~~ ^{talents} can you offer ~~in the development of the intent,~~ ^{to further the goals of the ministry}
~~purpose and ministry~~ of UFMCC? Counseling and administration.
13. Have you studied the By-Laws of UFMCC? Yes
14. Are you in agreement with the statement of faith adopted by the General Conference of UFMCC? as stated in the bylaws. Yes
15. Would you teach/preach any additional scriptural truth as a doctrine of UFMCC and/or require its acceptance before receiving an individual into membership of the Church or to administer the Sacraments and Rites of the Church to an individual? No
(If yes, explain briefly on the back of this sheet or on another sheet of paper attached to this application.)
16. Explain briefly your ^{understanding} of the Sacraments and their observance in the local Church. Baptism - the burying of the old person after the forgiveness of sins, and accepting Jesus Christ. Communion - the symbol of the blood and body of Jesus Christ as was done at the Last
17. Do you endeavor at each appropriate opportunity to testify of the Gospel ^{supper.} and to regularly devote time to Bible study, prayer and meditation? yes
18. Do you recognize and accept the responsibility to set an example before others in all aspects of Christian living? yes
19. Do you support efforts in the area of social justice (especially with reference to obtaining human rights for gay people) that are pursued within the framework of our Fellowship By-Laws and the traditions of non-violence? yes
20. Do you tithe to your local MCC congregation? I pledge annually.
21. Are you prepared to move to another geographical location, if needed, in order to serve in the ministry of UFMCC? not at this time.

22. Will you endeavor to support the international programs and decisions of the UFMCC as adopted and authorized by the General Conferences and implemented by its elected representatives? yes

23. Do you hold any affiliation or credentials with any other religious denomination or body? _____ If so, Name: _____

_____ ; Position: _____

24. If Item 23 is "Yes", would you be willing to disassociate yourself from that denomination or body upon being licensed as a minister in UFMCC? _____ If not, why not? _____

Signed: Robert E. Jackson

Transcript of Credits
ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL SUPPORT YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AS A MINISTER IN UFMCC (SUCH AS REPRODUCTIONS OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, ETC). SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE PASTOR OF YOUR LOCAL MCC.

*** CONFIDENTIAL ***

DO NOT RETURN TO APPLICANT

MAKE NO PROMISES TO APPLICANT

LOCAL CHURCH ACTION:

PASTOR: Recommendation () Yes () No Signed: _____
Date: _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: With a full board of _____ persons, a total of _____ have voted to recommend this request for license.

Date: _____ Signed: _____, Church Clerk

FORWARD APPLICATION & ATTACHMENTS TO LOCAL DISTRICT COORDINATOR
~~DO NOT DISCLOSE RESULTS OF LOCAL CHURCH ACTION TO APPLICANT OR OTHERS~~

DISTRICT ACTION: (All material must be submitted in UFMCC Exec. office).

DISTRICT COORDINATOR: Recommend () Yes () No

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS (SITTING AS CREDENTIALS REVIEW BOARD): With a full board of _____ UFMCC ministers, a total of _____ have voted to recommend the granting of a UFMCC license as requested.

RECOMMENDATION TO UFMCC MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS & AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:
() Yes () No

Date: _____ Signed: _____
District Coordinator

NOTIFY APPLICANT THAT THEY (HAVE)(HAVE NOT) BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE LICENSED BY UFMCC. IF NOT RECOMMENDED, GIVE SPECIFIC REASONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER PREPARATION. FORWARD APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF UFMCC. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 23 IS "YES", THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE BOARD OF ELDERS (NOT THE MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE).

UFMCC ACTION:

74005-3X

RECOMMENDATION TO UFMCC MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: FILES IN EXECUTIVE OFFICES.

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June 24, 1975

c/o Reverend Roy Birchard
Reverend J. Neely
16 St. Marks Place
New York, N.Y. 10003

Dear Reverend Birchard:

As requested by Dolores Davis, we are listing the courses she studied while at the School for Officers' Training, her grades, and enclosing a copy of the School for Officers' Training brochure which gives the course descriptions.

Bible	C+
Doctrine	B
O & R	B
Homiletics	B+
Sermon Preparation	B
Social Work	B-
Church History	B+
Corps Accts.	B+
Book Reports	C+
Art of Teaching	B-

Final Education Grade B

Dolores Davis was commissioned on June 15, 1959 as a Salvation Army officer. An officer, as defined by "The Salvation Army Definitive Statement of Services and Activities in the United States of America", is "a Salvationist engaged in full-time service as a duly accredited and ordained minister of religion in that

branch of the Christian church known as The Salvation Army."

Also attached are general statements concerning Officers from Orders and Regulations for Officers of The Salvation Army one of which states that an officer is one who has "consecrated (his life) to the service of God and the people".

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eunice Atwood

Captain Eunice Atwood
Assistant Education Secretary

EA:djr
Enc.

CHAPTER VI

OFFICERS

Sect. 1.—General Statements.	Sect. 4.—Commissions.
" 2.—Training.	" 5.—Chief Commands.
" 3.—Classification.	

SECTION 1.—GENERAL STATEMENTS

Definition.

1. The officers of the Army are men or women who:
 - (a) Have left ordinary pursuits and occupations.
 - (b) Have consecrated their lives to the service of God and the people.
 - (c) Have undergone a course of training.
 - (d) Are—unless retired—engaged in full-time service as leaders in the Army's ranks.*

Candidature.

2. Any soldier may become a candidate for officership, but those accepted must be suitable as regards health, age, spiritual experience, character and ability.
The qualifications essential to successful officership are described in *Part II of this Book*.

Engagements with the Army.

3. Soldiers accepted for officership enter into certain engagements with the Army. (See *Appendix A*.)

No association with secret society.

4. A person accepted for officership may not be associated with any secret society, neither may an officer join any such society.

Divorced persons and officership.

5. No person who has at any time been a party in proceedings for divorce, annulment of marriage or legal separation may be accepted for service as an officer in The Salvation Army until the candidature of such person has been approved by International Headquarters.

* Local officers, on the other hand, are soldiers appointed to positions of responsibility and authority in their own corps, and who carry out the duties of such appointment without being separated from their regular employment, and without receiving any remuneration from the Army. (For particulars, see *Orders and Regulations for Local Officers* also for *Corps Officers*.)



MEMORANDUM

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Eastern Territory

To Reverend Roy Birchard
From Captain Eunice Atwood
Date July 9, 1975
Subject

Attached is the letter which was sent on June 24th which
got lost in the mail.

EA:djr

